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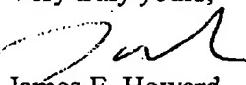
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Re: Enclosed Amendment After Final Rejection Under 37 CFR §1.116 and
Applicant's Interview Summary
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/502,454
Docket No.: F-9680

Dear Examiner Chen:

Enclosed for filing is an Amendment After Final Rejection Under 37 CFR §1.116 and Applicant's Interview Summary in response to the Final Office Action mailed on August 22, 2005, which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,

James E. Howard

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Naoki Soeda

Serial No.: 09/502,454 Group Art Unit: 2652

Filed: February 11, 2000 Examiner: Chen, Tianjie

For: MAGNETIC DISK APPARATUS WITH SEPARATE PRINTED-CIRCUIT BOARDS

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
AND APPLICANT'S INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 22, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1, 3, 5-10, 12, and 14-19 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1 and 18 have been amended to more clearly define the invention.

Claims 14-17 have been withdrawn from prosecution. Of the remaining claims, claim 1 is independent.